

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A cue rest comprising an elongated shaft defining a central longitudinally extending shaft axis, a table engaging ~~means-member~~, and an intermediate connecting ~~means-member~~ connecting the table engaging ~~means-member~~ with the shaft, the intermediate connecting ~~means-member~~ being shaped for avoiding an obstruction on the table adjacent a location where the table engaging ~~means-member~~ is to engage the table.
2. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting ~~means-member~~ extends between two spaced apart ends, one end being connected to the shaft, and the other end being connected to the table engaging ~~means-member~~.
3. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim [[1]] 2 wherein the two ends of the intermediate connecting ~~means-member~~ are aligned with each other and with the shaft axis.
4. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim [[1]] 3 wherein the intermediate connecting ~~means-member~~ comprises an elongated intermediate connecting member extending between the shaft and the table engaging ~~means-member~~.
5. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim [[1]] 4 wherein ~~a cue engaging means for cradling the cue extends from the table engaging means at least a portion of the intermediate connecting member is spaced apart from the shaft axis.~~
6. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting member is ~~of arcuate shape, formed by a pair of spaced apart transverse cross members, one of which extends from the shaft and the other extending from the table engaging member, and the respective~~

transverse cross members are joined by a longitudinally extending member which extends parallel to the shaft axis but spaced apart therefrom.

7. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim [[1]] 6 wherein the intermediate connecting member is substantially of half-bottle shape.

8. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim [[1]] 35 wherein the table engaging means-member is adjustably mounted to the intermediate connecting means-member.

9. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim [[8]] 29 wherein the table engaging means-member is pivotally connected to the intermediate connecting means-member.

10. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim [[9]] 29 wherein the table engaging means-member is pivotally connected to the intermediate connecting means and is pivotable about the shaft axis.

11. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 provided with a rotational restraining means-member to restrain the rotational movement of table engaging member relative to the intermediate connecting means member about the shaft axis.

12. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim [[1]] 35 wherein the table engaging means-member comprises two arms and the cue engaging means-member comprises two arms which are arranged to form a cruciform structure, the arms defining angles therebetween.

13. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim [[1]] 12 wherein at least one of the table engaging-means-member or cue engaging means member houses a rotation restraining means-members.

14. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim [[1]] 35 wherein the intermediate connecting means-member is connectable to the table engaging means-members by an axial bolt which is adapted for engaging with the rotation restraining means-member.

15-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim 14 wherein the axial bolt is integrally formed with at least of the group consisting of the intermediate connecting means member, the table engaging member or the cue engaging member.

20-27. (Cancelled).

28. (New) A cue rest as claimed in claim 6 wherein at least one of the cross members is curved.

29. (New) A cue rest as claimed in claim 28 wherein the intermediate connecting member is of accurate shape.

30. (New) A cue rest as claimed in claim 6 wherein at least one of the cross members is substantially perpendicular to the shaft axis.

31. (New) A cue rest as claimed in claim 6 wherein the intermediate connecting member and the shaft axis substantially define a quadrilateral shape.

32. (New) A cue rest as claimed in claim 6 wherein the intermediate connecting member and the shaft axis substantially define a triangle.

33. (New) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein a cue engaging member for cradling a cue extends from the table engaging member.

34. (New) A cue rest as claimed in claim 8 having a member for securing the table engaging member to the intermediate connecting member at a desired relative orientation.

35. (New) A cue rest as claimed in claim 34 wherein a friction connection is provided between the table engaging member and the intermediate connecting member for facilitating selective orientation of the table engaging member relative to the intermediate connecting member.

36. (New) A cue rest as claimed in claim 35 wherein the member for securing the table engaging and the cue engaging members to the intermediate connecting member permits incremental pivoting of the table engaging members relative to the intermediate connecting member.

37. (New) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting member is bendable or is provided with articulated joints.

38. (New) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting member is reversibly detachable from the shaft.

39. (New) A cue rest comprising an elongated shaft defining a central longitudinally extending shaft axis, a table engaging means, and an intermediate connecting means connecting the table engaging means with the shaft, the intermediate connecting means being shaped for avoiding an obstruction on the table adjacent a location where the table engaging means is to engage the table.